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Senator Alan Sanborn ‘Deeply Disappointed’ by Veto of SB 395

LANSING – State Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, issued the following statement in response to Governor Granholm’s veto of Senate Bill 395, the Legal Birth Definition Act.

“I am deeply disappointed in the Governor's refusal to protect our youngest and most vulnerable citizens from such a gruesome practice as being brutally killed after they have been partially delivered. Her veto of SB 395 clearly demonstrates that she is a prisoner of the most extreme elements of the pro-abortion lobby.”

“In addition, her veto message raises serious questions about whether she even read the legislation; if she did, she willfully chose to ignore how this bill addressed the concerns she listed in her veto message. The bill contains the clear exception she seeks for the life and health of the mother. It also does not seek to place limits on any specific procedure, rather it seeks to define the point when a human is considered born, and therefore entitled to basic human rights.”

“When the Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade*, it made no effort to define birth, leaving it up to the states to determine when a human being is born, and therefore a legal person. This legislation clearly defines that point while providing a clear exception for circumstances when the life or health of the mother is at stake.”

“I will be calling on my fellow legislators to come together and override the veto of this important legislation.”

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